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Yasuhisa Nakajima

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Examiner: J. J. Vent

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

This letter is being filed to inquire regarding the status of the above-identified application.

On August 11, 2008, Applicant filed a Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review together with a Notice Of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.36(a). Since that time, no communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in this regard.

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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